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Caithness requested a shorter extension of the commencement of construction deadline so that staff can complete its analysis on a pending October 2009 petition to amend, and make a final recommendation to the Energy Commission while ensuring that the deadline for commencement of construction does not expire. Caithness also requested

that the five year extension request be heard at the same Business Meeting as the October 2009 petition to amend.

On October 29, 2009, a petition to amend the Blythe Energy Project, Phase II, was submitted that proposes several revisions to the Application for Certification that was approved in December 2005. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing its analysis of this separate petition to amend. Upon completion of staff's analysis of the petition to amend, staff will make a final recommendation to the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting in early 2012.

### **CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

Having considered comments from both parties, including the petitioners request for a shorter extension, the Energy Commission hereby grants a five month extension to the start of construction for the Blythe Energy Project Phase II, from December 14, 2011 to May 14, 2012. The five-month extension shall be for the purpose of allowing staff to complete their analysis of the October 2009 petition to amend and make a final recommendation to the Energy Commission on both the October 2009 petition to amend and the October 2011 five year extension request.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

### CERTIFICATION

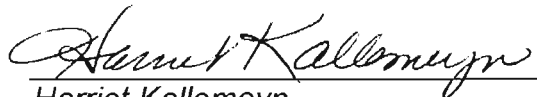
*The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on December 14, 2011*

AYE: Weisenmiller, Boyd, Douglas, Peterman

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
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Harriet Kallemeyn,  
Secretariat